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**Testimony of State Representative John Hampton in support of H.B. No. 6137 AN ACT
STREAMLINING THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING**

Housing Committee Public Hearing
Tuesday, February 3, 2015
1:00pm Room 1B

Chairman Butler, Chairman Winfield, Members of the Housing Committee, for the record my name is State Representative John Hampton of Simsbury and I am here to testify in support of H.B. 6137 AN ACT STREAMLINING THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING. I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to submit testimony here today.

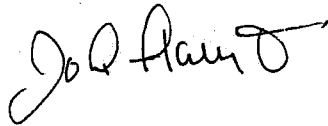
I introduced this bill on behalf of my constituent from Simsbury who in her search for affordable housing grew frustrated with having to fill out multiple applications with different municipal housing authorities, many of whom required the same types of information and documentation. As someone who is older and works during the days, she found it difficult finding the time to track down all the forms and documentation required for each individual town. Many times the information she provided was very repetitive.

Under this legislation the affordable housing application process would be streamlined and eliminate the need for persons to submit individual housing applications each different municipality. It would do this by creating a centralized state-wide affordable housing waiting list where once you apply for one town, you can automatically be considered for availabilities in other towns using the same information provided. I believe establishing a centralized list will help provide a true indication of just what the affordable housing needs are in our state so that it can be addressed on a more systematic basis. It also would give individuals an opportunity to be considered for housing in other municipalities where there may be openings or the waiting lists may be shorter (even though preference should still be given to residents who reside in that town). I believe this legislation goes towards the goal of addressing the state's affordable housing needs by making the process more efficient and giving people who apply for affordable housing to be considered for the most options available no matter what town they apply in.

I have been very encouraged by the recent announcement by Governor Malloy about the Zero: 2016 initiative and how the state has made great strides to reduce our state's chronically homeless population, which is down to around 1,000 veterans and 2,400 for the regular population. Hopefully this legislation if passed will help further this goal.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support this legislation and I would be glad to answer any questions committee members may have.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hampton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John Hampton
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